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PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CAMPS, JUNE-AUGUST, 1944

LOKOYA

By REV. GORDON L. FOSTER, Director

Lokoya is fortunate in having Dr. Paul Reynolds of Chicago as headline speaker for 1944. "Dr. Paul" has for some years been national secretary for young people's work of the Congregational Churches, and will be taking up work as young adult leader. He will bring practical plans and inspiration to California Pilgrim Fellowshippers.

Lokoya dates are August 20 to 26, Sunday through Saturday. If there are young people in other areas who find it impossible to go to a Camp in June but who could go in August, they may get in touch with the Lokoya Director or with Wim Meyer at Plymouth House, after consulting their own pastor first.

Lokoya faculty for 1944 will include Rev. Edward Ouellette of Petaluma; Rev. C. C. Champlin of Glen Ellen; Rev. Edward Perry of Sonoma; Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of Mill Valley, Vesper Leader; Rev. William W. Meyer, Conference Field Secretary; Rev. Albert W. Monosmith of Cotati, and Mr. Henry Hayden of Guerneville. We also hope to have an interracial leader for a course on inter-racial problems.

LOMA MAR

By REV. RALPH CONARD, Director

Again the Pilgrim Fellowshippers from East Bay and West Bay will trek to Loma Mar, the Oakland YMCA Camp in the redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The dates are Saturday, June 24, to Saturday, July 1st.

Included on the list of leaders will be Dr. Charles Stanley, now of Pacific School of Religion Post-war Training Unit and formerly from China, as the representative of World Christianity. Rev. Don Gaylord of Grace United Church, San Francisco, will be Dean of Men, and Mrs. Scott Haymond of Berkeley will be Dean of Women.

Definite information on costs and transportation arrangements has been delayed by the YMCA, but this information will be sent out as soon as it is made available to us.

Miss Mae Baudin of First Congregational Church, 2501 Harrison Blvd., Oakland, is registrar for Loma Mar Camp, and will be waiting to receive registrations.

JUNIOR HIGH

By REV. ELMO WOLFE, Director

A Junior High Camp! At Monte Toyon, July 30-August 5.

The young person of Junior High age likes to do something about it! So this year we are going to give him a chance. The Junior High Committee has made plans for our FIRST Junior High Camp. Here is some information about it:

The camp will be held at Monte Toyon, which is about 80 miles south of San Francisco, near Santa Cruz, and 2 miles from a fine beach. The dates are July 30 to August 5.

But why have a Junior High Camp? Is this a wise thing? The Junior High Conference is the newest thing in camping—for churches, though Miss Ruth Seabury has directed a Junior Camp for many years. Miss Merle L. Easton, Secretary of the Junior High Department on our Na-

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Fellow Pilgrims work and worship, plan and play together at our seven Pilgrim Fellowship Summer Camps. "I wouldn't have missed that for anything in the world," is the report from dozens of our young people who have made decisions for life during the week of intensive Christian fellowship in summer camp.

Laboratories of Christian living are these camps, an important and vital phase of our State Conference work. Packed into one week is a well-rounded experience of living in a Christian community. In the test-tube of such fellowship new discoveries are yet to be made.

Guiding the thought and life of our young people in these camps are the pastors of our Churches, advisors and counsellors of P.F. groups, and outstanding visiting speakers. Heading the list of national staff and missionary representatives will be Dr. Paul Reynolds from Chicago, of our national Division of Christian Education, who will visit the last three camps in August and September. Arturo Villalobos Sandoval will journey from Mexico City, where he teaches sacred music and carries the banner of Congregationalism in Mexico, to visit two of our June camps, and two camps in Southern California. Dr. Charles Stanley of China will be headliner at Loma Mar. Mrs. Stanley Wilson of China will represent World Christianity at Monte Toyon.

Three of our Summer Camps are open to the whole Conference area—Junior High Camp, July 30-Aug. 5, Monte Toyon; Leadership Camp, Redwood Canyon, Aug. 26-29; and Young Adult Camp, Redwood Canyon, Sept. 2-4. There are four area Camps—Sequoia, June 11-17, for San Joaquin Area P.F.; Loma Mar, June 24-July 1, for East and West Bay P.F.; Lakewood, June 24-July 1, for Central and Sacramento P.F.; Lokoya, August 20-26, for Upper Bay and Redwood Empire P.F.

In addition to these seven P.F. Camps of our own, the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship will have representatives at two interdenominational conferences—the N. Calif. Christian Youth Conference, San Anselmo, August 11-13; and the Humboldt Christian Youth Conference, Van Dusen River, July 22-29; and at two national conferences—The Christian Youth Conference of North America, Lakeside, Ohio, June 27-July 2; and the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, July 3-5, Lakeside, Ohio.

LAKEWOOD

By GEORGE I. LINN, Director

The Sixth Lakewood Conference will be held from June 24 to July 1 at the Lakewood Boys' Camp near Brockway on the northern end of Lake Tahoe. The cost, exclusive of transportation, will be $1.50 registration fee which must accompany application, and $9.00 for board and bed charge. Each group will take care of its own transportation.

Arturo Villalobos will be the representative of World Christianity and will have charge of the singing. Joanna Wilder Hughes will be assistant director and will have charge of the evening assemblies. She was the third president of the Lakewood Conference while still in high school, and it is due to her leadership to a very large degree that the Lakewood Conference was continued. She will also teach a class in "Our Pilgrim Fellowship Plans and Program."

Rev. E. P. Shier of Loomis will be at his usual place at the Vesper Services as the Chaplain. The young people consider that a Lakewood Conference would not be complete if Mr. Shier were not occupying this position which he has held at every previous conference.

Courses offered this year include: What It Means to Be a Christian, Christianity and Social Action, Problems of the Modern Home and Family, How We Got Our Bible, Great Men and Messages of the Bible, The Church and Ourselves, World Christianity, Pilgrim Fellowship Plans and Program, Bible Drama, Sacred Music.

A distinctive feature of the Lakewood Conference for the past three years has been the early morning hikes. Hikers are awakened at 5:30 and start promptly at 6:00 a. m. Each hike covers different territory, which gives the early risers an opportunity to view the landscape in the cool of the day, to see different points of interest, and to get acquainted on the trails.

Every precaution is taken as regards the safety and welfare of each individual.

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FOR LEADERS

By REV. DAVID STOWE, Director

Carrying on the tradition of a summer conference especially for local, area and state officers of Pilgrim Fellowship, there will be a Leaders' Conference at Redwood Regional Park, August 26-29. The park is in the hills just east of Oakland, and may be reached easily from the metropolitan Bay area. David Stowe, director of Plymouth House, has been named director for the conference.

During the three-day period of the Leaders' Conference an intensive program will be carried on. From registration on Saturday afternoon until farewells on Tuesday morning there will be classes led by outstanding teachers, and high-light addresses by some of the ablest speakers of the area. Registration will be limited primarily to officers or potential leaders especially recommended by pastors.

The curriculum will carry out the theme of leadership training. There will be emphasis on methods of local Fellowship work, personal leadership development, and ways of using the materials for programs and worship so as to build effective group activity. Paul Reynolds, national secretary for young adult work and a specialist in leadership of youth groups, will be one of the outstanding teachers in this field.

Because this conference will gather Pilgrim Fellowship Leaders from over the state, it will be used as an occasion for planning and transacting area and state business. In particular, the state officers for Pilgrim Fellowship will be elected at this conference, budget for 1944-45 adopted, and changes in Pilgrim Fellowship Constitution considered.

In planning for this event, special care will be taken to secure the finest adult leaders. Along with the contribution these will make through classes and addresses, there will be opportunity for relaxation with them in various outdoor activities available in the Park. Hiking, baseball, horseback riding, and swimming are among the forms of sport which will enliven the Conference.

SEQUOIA

By REV. WILLIS L. GOLDSMITH, Director

The date: June 11-17. The place: Camp Redwood on Lake Sequoia. In addition to large delegations from the four churches heretofore represented, we hope this year to have delegates from the German Conference, though unfortunately the pastors of the German churches will be attending their national convention at that time and therefore cannot be present. We expect to close registration on June 4, with all accommodations taken. Incidentally, the plaque for the largest attendance will be awarded as of that date, irrespective of late registrations. Porterville won it for three years, then Tulare for the last two years in succession.

The director, Rev. Willis Goldsmith, is happy to announce that Rev. and Mrs. David Stowe of Plymouth House, Berkeley, have consented to join the staff as dean of men and dean of girls, respectively. They will have charge of recreation and Mr. Stowe will also teach one of the classes. Rev. John H. Gregg is expecting that he will have recovered from his accident so as to be able to act as chaplain. Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto will be a visiting faculty member.

Notwithstanding rising prices, the cost of the conference will be kept at $9.00, payable to the pastor on or before June 4. Bring bedding, and plenty of it!

The best news is saved to the last, namely, that "Wim" Meyer has promised to be on hand for the greater part of the conference, and the delegates are eagerly looking forward to getting better acquainted with him. Arturo Villalobos of Mexico, Congregational missionary and popular leader at Pilgrim Fellowship conferences, will be the headline speaker and representative of World Christianity.

YOUNG ADULTS

By JOANNA WILDER HUGHES, Chairman

Pilgrim Fellowship is passing the first decade and the youth who have helped bring it into being and those who have carried it through are now past the age for Pilgrim Fellowship. Therefore, the Young Adults are being organized into local, state, and national groups.

A Northern California Conference for Young Adults will be held Labor Day week-end, September 2-4, at Redwood Canyon Hostel near Oakland. The conference will open Saturday at 3 p. m. and close Monday at 3 p. m. The cost, including room, board and registration, will be $4.00. But bring your own sleeping bag.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Paul Reynolds, National young adult Secretary from Chicago. Dr. Harley Gill will lead a special seminar on Churchmanship. Wim Meyer will be conference coordinator and Mrs. Joanna Hughes will serve as Chairman.

For further information write Mrs. Joanna Hughes, 314 N. Santa Ana, Modesto, or send registrations to Young Adult Conference, Plymouth House, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley 4, Calif.

A Sunday School superintendent writes: "The splendid cooperation one gets from the Conference office has been an inspiration to me." Thank you, kind sir!

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WE ARE HELPED

The Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services is cooperating with the War Emergency Work Department of our Board of Home Missions in dealing effectively with problems in camp and defense communities in our own country.

Often these two agencies combine their funds with those of other denominations to create a united church ministry which supplies competent leadership for preaching, pastoral, educational, and recreational services in housing areas from Maine to California. In the Bay area work is going forward in Alameda, Marin City, Richmond, San Francisco, and Vallejo. This contribution of Protestantism to community morale is of great value.

The Committee and the War Emergency Department are also at work in camp communities. Several churches have been helped to create centers for Service men. In San Diego a bus is provided to carry children from the Naval Base to a Sunday School. In San Francisco we contribute toward the support of a minister to Service personnel, linking chaplains and Service men on the one hand with ministers and churches on the other. In Sacramento we contribute regularly to the support of Graystone Lodge, a center for Service men under distinctively Christian auspices.

Two enterprises are of unusual interest: first, Pilgrim House in Los Angeles, where we help in the work among Negroes who have replaced the Japanese in a former "Little Tokyo"; and second, in Hanford, Washington, where a Congregational minister has become the director of a united ministry to 5000 people housed in trailers. While we are still actively engaged in work overseas, we are not neglecting our home front.

At Easter, several members of one of our churches gave to the Committee for War Victims in memory of loved ones. Would not gifts like these be particularly appropriate for Memorial Day?

MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

JUNIOR HIGH

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tional Board, is backing this whole movement.

No, it will not take the "zip" away from camp when these Juniors go to Senior High Conferences, because the program is much different. The day will not be crowded with classes and a host of events; for the main purpose of the Junior High Camp is to provide the conditions which will bring about an experience of LIVING TOGETHER. Living Together in a vital enriched manner—in play, work (and we will work a lot together), in study, worship, good fellowship, etc. The morning, for instance, will include a two and one-fourth hour period of "doing something about it"—that is, projects, study, committees, work, life, experience situations.

Well, this is just to let you know there will be a Junior High Camp, for all of our Northern California Conferences. For more complete details see the "Light."

READ, ACT!

The income for April was disappointing. While benevolence receipts are still well above a year ago, they are not as far above as at the end of March. "Pacific" much prefers to congratulate churches on their good showing than to remind them when their record is not so good. We shall deeply appreciate promptness and regularity in remittances, and the steady interest of the people in this opportunity of sharing in the advance of Christ's Kingdom.

	April, 1944	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1944	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1943
Adin	$	$	$ 3.40
Alameda	.....	213.44	201.07
Alturas	6.53	31.45	24.06
Angels Camp	.....	37.59	37.50
Antioch	.....	32.59	12.44
Auburn	10.00	40.00	40.00
benicia	.....	.....	26.06
Berkeley, Arlington	.....	18.55	20.00
First	.....	1,970.82	1,651.92
North	.....	157.52	151.40
Park	.....	.....	22.01
Campbell	.....	75.00	70.00
Cedarville	.....	25.00	25.00
Cloverdale	.....	40.41	39.47
Cotati	.....	51.87	34.45
Crockett	26.82	50.82	31.03
Etna	5.84	5.84	.....
Eureka	.....	186.22	178.40
Fairfax	.....	.....	30.75
Ferndale	.....	78.00	94.77
Fresno, First	.....	511.24	715.33
Pilgrim	100.00	200.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	.....	24.05	10.00
Hayward	.....	.....	100.00
Kenwood	9.82	9.82	12.30
Likely	.....	.....	6.69
Lodi, First	.....	400.00	628.25
Loleta	18.16	32.95	8.88
Loomis	.....	.....	23.05
Martinez	44.41	106.44	99.23
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	1,870.00	1,810.00
Fruitvale	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pilgrim	.....	15.00	12.00
Plymouth	94.89	405.74	280.67
Oroville	17.39	125.11	52.96
Pacific Grove	.....	97.58	18.80
Palo Alto	250.00	250.00	250.00
Paradise	25.00	100.00	157.70
Parlier	.....	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	15.42	59.59	22.25
Pescadero	.....	10.00	.....
Petaluma	.....	288.37	215.83
Pittsburg	.....	36.74	53.65
Porterville	.....	200.00	90.00
Redwood City	.....	228.00	253.94
Rio Vista	44.00	44.00	14.00
Rippon	.....	83.37	63.69
Sacramento	80.00	320.00	239.81
Salida	.....	30.00	25.00
San Carlos	.....	41.01	50.79
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	.....	73.00	43.92
First	.....	220.64	515.39
Ocean View	.....	60.00	49.47
Richmond	28.00	48.00	75.00
San Jose	54.80	228.54	290.00
San Leandro	.....	23.15	37.59
San Mateo	442.94	512.94	323.70
San Rafael	80.00	80.00	.....
Santa Cruz	100.00	275.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	.....	49.50	38.00
Saratoga	.....	137.55	156.29
Sebastopol	28.04	72.60	42.41
Sonoma	.....	42.45	74.60
Soquel	.....	18.00	25.00
Stockton	60.25	150.14	170.68
Suisun	25.00	25.00	25.00
Tulare	44.00	149.00	179.23
Weaverville	.....	70.00	20.00
Woodside	.....	28.80	26.00
Reno, Nevada	.....	121.12	103.82
*Miscellaneous	127.26	1,032.85	813.60
	$2,193.57	$12,068.41	$11,274.25

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Rev. David Stowe, Director of Plymouth House, participated in Religious Emphasis Week at San Jose State College for three days, discussing with groups of students religious and ethical questions. The month of April has shown encouraging progress in the life and program of Plymouth House. There has been an increase in attendance at the Wednesday evening discussion circles and the Sunday evening periods of worship have been very worthwhile.

Rev. George Aki has completed his training at the Harvard Chaplains' School and is now First Lieutenant, located at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

REV. EDMUND OWENS

Rev. Edmund Owens, known to a large number of northern California people, passed away at his home in Lincoln, California, on April 7, 1944. He was born in 1868 in North Wales. After the death of his mother, he came at the tender age of 11, with his father to Scranton, Pennsylvania, and at 12 worked as a breaker boy in the coal mines. The family attended the Welsh Congregational Church which, in response to an appeal for the ministry, sent six young men to Marietta College. Edmund Owens was one of this group. He graduated in 1897 and entered Pacific Theological Seminary that fall. His course was interrupted by a pastorate in Washington, but he graduated in 1900. During his seminary days he served the 4th Congregational Church of San Francisco, and the Suisun Church. He then held pastorates in Idaho and Washington, and in 1905 married Miss Maud E. Wills, a teacher in the Pomeroy, Washington, schools. Together they went to Arizona, but in 1908 returned to California, where the following pastorates were held: McCloud, Martinez, San Mateo, Suisun, Crockett, and Loomis. In June 1932 he resigned because of ill health, and has lived in Lincoln since that time. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. P. Shier at Loomis. Mrs. Owens survives him. A great circle of friends rejoice in his life and service, and mourn his passing. He was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

MISS ELLA C. HARRISON

Miss Ella C. Harrison, faithful member of our Santa Rosa Church, passed away at the age of 92 on April 13. Prior to her retirement, she taught school for 30 years in Sonoma County. She was a sister of Rev. J. K. Harrison, who was Superintendent of Congregational Home Missions in California for 15 years, from 1893 to 1907. She was a poet and artist of merit. She was one of the oldest and most consistent readers of The Pacific in our entire circle of friends.

LAKEWOOD

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The camp council is the governing body. Besides the deans, it is composed of young people selected from each tent group. Classes are held at convenient clearings in the forest and everyone is required to attend all class sessions.

The Lakewood Conference has grown so much that it has overtaxed the present facilities. This is the fourth year that the present director has been in charge, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction that he can announce the fact that the Lakewood Conference is now on a permanent basis.

In the Community Hospital at San Mateo, under the leadership of Rev. Norio Ozaki, Easter was celebrated with a morning service and an afternoon musical program. The service was attended by all of the Japanese patients and by other folk from a distance. Mrs. Sidney Buckham presented lilies for decoration. The musical program was arranged by Mrs. Alan Benner of San Mateo, who brought a soloist with her.

As of February 1st, it is reported that the Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains announced a total of 102 casualties in the chaplaincy service; 19 killed in battle, 31 dead from sickness and accidents, 18 wounded, 33 prisoners of war, and 1 missing in action. Seventy-six chaplains have been decorated for conduct "over and beyond the call of duty."—Federal Council Bulletin.

CLOVERDALE. About $800 in gifts to the church came as a result of the circulation of the historical pamphlet written by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sedgley.

SARATOGA. Twelve new members have been received into the church, and nine children were baptized. An event of unusual significance for the community was the rendition on the evening of Good Friday of Dubois' "Seven Last Words." Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SONOMA. An excellent Pilgrim Fellowship group overflows the meeting room each Sunday. Six new members were received on confession of faith Palm Sunday. A fund for building improvements has been started. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

FOWLER. Through the Building Society comes the word that this church has completed payments of loan mortgages in full. The church now has a full half block, with a church building, a parish house, and a parsonage, free from debt. Rev. Sarkis Papajian is pastor.

SALIDA. Eight little people were christened on Easter Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath. From the liberal offering, a substantial check was sent to the Committee for War Victims and Services.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Easter attendance was 450, and offerings $355. Thirteen infants and 4 adults were baptized. The church will soon celebrate the 10th anniversary of the coming of its pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey is conducting services once a week for the State boys' correction camp at Big Trees. He values this as one of his finest opportunities of service.

ELK GROVE. This little church has contributed about $150 during the past year for war victims and services. Three new members joined on Easter. Rev. J. F. Reister is pastor.

TULARE. Seventeen members were received on Easter, with more to follow. The church was filled, a number of people having to stand throughout the service. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

RIO VISTA. Ten new members have come into fellowship. A total of $2,450 in four gifts, as memorials and for church improvements, has been received. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

ETNA. There were 16 accessions to the churches in Scott Valley during the Easter season, and 20 baptisms. Special missionary offering was received. Rev. E. Russell Tanner is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO. PARK PRESIDIO. The halfway mark has been reached in the campaign to raise $5,000, which will free the building from debt. Rev. Robert Warren is pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. Seven new members were received by letter and three on confession during the Easter season. Rev. Herbert E. Dimock is pastor.

WOODSIDE. This church has the largest Sunday School enrollment in its history, and church membership and attendance are improved. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

REEDLEY, FINNISH. A new choir has been organized and church attendance has improved. All departments of the work are responding to the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. Olli Jokisaari.

According to a letter from Dr. Frederick L. Fagley, the Congregational fellowship is asked to provide 84 new chaplains for the army and 50 for the navy for the year 1944. We reached our quota in 1943. The need is great.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, NORTH. This church was stunned to hear the resignation of Rev. Pierson Parker, its pastor for the last eight years, who will join the faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley's Episcopal theological seminary. He will have the Department of Biblical Literature and be in charge of the library. His final sermon will be delivered on June 25. During his pastorate, he has served in many capacities in our fellowship, including membership on the Conference Board of Directors and a term as Conference Moderator. He has been on the faculty of several young people's summer conferences. Our Congregational people will be happy that his residence in Berkeley will still keep him within the circle of our northern California Christian fellowship. Eight new members were received into the church on Palm Sunday.

SAN CARLOS. The church observes the color scheme of the various religious seasons in its decorations—ivory for Christmas, Easter, and weddings; blue for Lent and Advent, and red on other occasions. On Easter the pulpit hangings of gold-trimmed ivory satin, with flower arrangements, were very beautiful. Attendance at the various services totalled nearly 800 with offerings of over $500. Sixteen adults united with the church during the season. There were 12 baptisms. Decision Day for youth will come in June. The pastor, Rev. H. J. Loken, is conducting a preparatory class.

TRINITY COUNTY. Twelve laymen assisted the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, at the beautiful candle-lit communion service at Weaverville on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday evening service and Easter brought out fine congregations. Two delegates accompanied the pastor to the Association meeting in Auburn. Mrs. Bennett was chosen as Association delegate to the General Council. Although no services were held during the month at Hayfork or Lewiston, a new sawmill at Peanut may stimulate interest in the Hayfork community.

PENNGROVE. There is a regular attendance of 30 in Sunday School, out of an enrollment of 35. The envelope system is working well among the children. One-tenth of the offering at the women's society is given to missions. The church was filled to capacity on Easter. Plans are under way to build a new chapel, and to remodel the building to furnish adequate Sunday School and social rooms. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. Fifty-three new members united with the church on Easter Sunday, and up to that day more than $6,400 had been received by the committee in charge of raising funds for liquidation of the church debt and improvement of the property. Rev. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, reports that one woman of this church, a new attendant, was instrumental in bringing 8 people to the service on one Sunday.

KENWOOD. The little church was filled on Palm Sunday, and crowded on Easter. Six new members were received. A large and wonderful painting of the Holy Family, the work and gift of Mr. Al Sondag, a mural painter of national reputation, was unveiled. It adds greatly to the worshipful atmosphere of the church. Rev. Frank E. Boren is pastor.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. This church keeps open house for Service men every Monday night. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, has been heard in the devotional periods on the various radio stations of Fresno.

CAMPBELL. Seven new members were recived at the Maundy Thursday candlelight service in addition to the dedication of several children on Easter Sunday morning. The youth groups, which have been presenting outstanding speakers in their open meetings for the community, put on a play on Palm Sunday, "A Way of Life." A building expansion program has the enthusiastic backing of all departments: high school boys recently cleared the church basement in preparation for it, thus adding their quota to the "Million Hour Plan." The Guild served a dinner to about 160 persons, thereby realizing an encouraging sum for the Fund. A feature of the evening was the showing of pictures on "The Pacific War" by Chaplain Richard Barnes. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. This church reports a splendid Easter season, with the Maundy Thursday candlelight service setting a new high in attendance. The 19 new members received during the week were guests at a church dinner on May 3, a fine musical program being provided by members of the armed services from Moffatt Field. Pilgrim Fellowship young people put on a pot-luck dinner on May 5, a new venture for them. The church was saddened by the death of Dr. R. J. Currie, a former pastor who, since his retirement, has resided in Redwood City and been a faithful and helpful member. Rev. C. E. Ward is pastor.

BENICIA. A quickly planned and temporary re-arrangement of the pulpit platform, giving an unobstructed view of the beautiful window and a lovely arrangement of flowers on Easter Sunday, proved to be the incentive for permanent improvements in the sanctuary. This, together with painting and other improvements, is now definitely to be undertaken. Young people have assisted in rebuilding a cottage into a lovely nursery room. Nine new members were received at Easter. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is pastor.

LODI, FIRST. An old rugged cross, which had been the worship center for the pre-Easter services, was beautifully decorated for Easter Sunday. Six infants were baptized on Easter afternoon, and on the following Sunday, 12 adults were received into membership. This church united with the First Christian and First Methodist in presenting Emanuel Mansfield, Negro tenor, in concert. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. A total of 20 persons were admitted to membership during April. The church was crowded on Easter; five children were baptized. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, reports that the Sunday School continues to grow. Pilgrim Fellowship young people sponsored a potluck supper, with about 70 in attendance. Walls of the church have been re-covered, and a chancel arrangement adopted.

PARADISE. Greatly to the delight of the pastor, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the sanctuary is to have carpets and the choir arrangement will be altered and improved. A new kitchen and ladies' rest room, opening off the upstairs hall, have been added to the building. Eight new members were received on Easter Sunday. Boxes containing 168 garments in excellent condition were shipped in February for Greek Relief.

PITTSBURG. Two Easter services filled the building to capacity. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the minister, gives one evening a week as song leader to the large gathering of soldiers at Camp Stoneman.

SANTA ROSA. A joining of forces of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches in Santa Rosa has taken place for the duration. Rev. Graydon E. McClellan, the Presbyterian pastor, is on leave as a chaplain in the United States Army. Rev. Gordon L. Foster will serve both congregations. On Sunday mornings the two churches worship together in the Presbyterian building, and on Thursday evenings union devotional services are held in the Congregational church. The two churches will maintain their own Sunday Schools, women's organizations, and junior high groups. Senior high young people will unite. There will be no change in the organizations, and Mr. Foster has agreed to remain with his church for a year after the return of Mr. McClellan.

ANTIOCH. The average attendance at the Sunday School and the church services shows an increase of close to 100 per cent over the like period a year ago. The church kitchen has been improved by new linoleum, and a new water heater, and has been repainted. An every-member canvass by mail has brought 90 per cent of the current expense budget, and a substantial increase in benevolence giving. The Junior Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized. The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship makes up the choir for morning worship. Easter was a banner day with the church crowded. Three children were baptized. Rev. Tom Watt is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. One hundred five new members united with the church on Easter Sunday. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, exchanged pulpits on April 16 with Rev. Laurance L. Cross of the Northbrae Community Church. The building fund was launched by gifts amounting to more than $44,000, according to the church bulletin. Evening radio services during April presented Superintendent Harley H. Gill (Easter evening), and Rev. David Stowe and Dr. George M. Stratton on the two Sundays following.

STOCKTON. Twenty-eight new members have been received since the first of the year. Work is now progressing on the lots in front of the church, which are being landscaped. A portion will be reserved for automobile parking. A climax campaign to care for the cost of this improvement and to clean up the debt is in prospect. There was an attendance of 200 at the first Easter service, and a capacity congregation at the regular hour. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

RENO, NEVADA. A unanimous and enthusiastic call has been extended to Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Tulare, Calif., to become pastor beginning June 1. Mr. Rice has indicated his intention to accept. Rev. Theodore Schulz served for five weeks as interim pastor, closing his work in order to go to Hawaii for work under the Hawaiian Evangelical Association. Rev. Stewart Locke is being invited to supply the church until Mr. Rice takes up his pastorate.

AUBURN. In time to entertain the Association, the church had completed redecoration of the interior of the building, including the refinishing of the floors in the social room and the installation of drapes. Sunday School class rooms have also been made much more attractive. Funds are in hand for a new roof. Rev. Lucius F. Reed is the pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. A record-breaking Easter offering for the Committee for War Victims and Services, amounting to $547, was made by the people of this church. Rev. F. W. Gross is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. Easter attendance and offering were the largest in the sixty-one-year history of the church, with approximately 700 in attendance at the two identical services of worship completely filling the church and social hall for both services. Nearly $1000 was received in the Easter offering, $600 of which will go into the special fund for post-war building improvement. One hundred thirteen men and women are now listed on the church honor roll, three of whom have given their lives in the service of our country. A special Easter edition of the church calendar was sent to all those listed on the roll. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the traditional Easter afternoon communion service, 31 new members were received, 14 of them by confession, and 16 babies were baptized. The service was followed by a reception to all who had united since the preceding Easter. At the early morning service, the Sunday School attended in a body, sitting in the gallery and furnishing a musical number. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, gave one of the addresses at a course given by the University of California on marriage. The church joined with several other Oakland churches in a series of Sunday evening forums on community problems from April 16 to May 7.

GUERNEVILLE. This church had a full Easter program, with communion service on Good Friday, Easter sunrise service with 50 in attendance, special church school service, and a capacity attendance at morning worship. Nine persons were baptized and two were received into membership. A pageant, "The Resurrection," was given by the young people in the evening. A larger budget has been raised, which will enable the church to retain Mr. Henry Hayden as its full-time pastor.

MARTINEZ. This church, as well as all other friends in northern California, are glad to know that the pastor, Rev. T. T. Giffen, will return to his pulpit on May 7 after nine weeks' illness. A choir concert has netted more than sufficient funds to purchase colorful new robes. The choir loft has been improved by rearrangement. Estimates are now being secured for the painting of the church building, a substantial portion of the cost being in hand.

SAN LEANDRO. This church has completed payment of its indebtedness to the bank, the Building Society, and the Conference. In the seven years since 1937, this whole burden has been lifted. It is an achievement of which the church and its pastor, Rev. J. H. McCartney, may well be proud. The burning of the mortgage took place on Sunday, April 23. Mr. McCartney on that occasion paid tribute to Rev. E. T. Sherman, who was instrumental in building the church.

PORTERVILLE. Double services on Easter morning brought capacity congregations. $700 was contributed to reduce the parsonage loan, and the Lenten offering for war victims was nearly $300. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, was in charge of the Easter sunrise service on Scenic Heights.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held Thursday, May 18, at 10:30 in the First Church, Oakland.

DELIGHTFUL SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting of the Federation, April 18, seemed almost like old times. It was pleasant to be in San Mateo, where we have had so many delightful meetings. There was a larger attendance than many of us had dared to hope. If the proportion of Metropolitan area women was smaller than in other days, that was a reversal which was, perhaps, only fair. Those who live close to the hostess church or churches have not always realized at what an effort, even in pre-rationing days, the often large delegations came to the gatherings from outlying districts. The San Mateo women were as cordial and helpful as they always have been, and Mrs. Ingolf Dillan's greeting was a pleasant foretaste of our welcome. Finally, the program was one of the best we have had.

Our speakers were all young men, full of enthusiasm for their work and most effective in their presentation of it. In the morning, the central thought was the youth problem. The Rev. William Meyer, recently appointed Field Secretary for Young People's Work in the Conference, brought us reports from the Pilgrim Fellowship. He told of one community where, out of a group of fifty young people in the local high school, thirty were engaged in the Fellowship work; of another where, during the illness of the pastor, the young people carried on the church services for a month; of still another where the church choir is wholly made up of the young people. The Pilgrim Fellowship has inaugurated what they call the "Million Hour Service Plan." The young people pledge themselves to give a million hours to Christian work, of whatever kind. The idea, says Mr. Meyer, is service now, not discussion for tomorrow. Mr. Meyer told us something of what past Presidents of the Fellowship are doing now. One is under assignment with the American Board for medical work in India, and is getting experience at the Arroyo del Valle Sanitarium here. Two are ministers, serving churches; another is in Red Cross service overseas. Mr. Meyer thanked the Federation for our offer of two scholarships to the summer camps, details of which have been printed in earlier numbers of "The Pacific."

The Rev. David Stowe showed us Plymouth House in Berkeley, of which he is Director, in its service to college students. As the college attendance is now cut nearly in half, so the Plymouth House membership is similarly shrunken. The plant itself, Mr. Stowe said, is adequately furnished for the service it must render, with lounge, kitchen, and other rooms for social gatherings, and a Worship Center. The most important work of Plymouth House, Mr. Stowe considers to be Fellowship. Worship, too, is its concern, but it is worship in small groups, and interviews where the personal issues of life are discussed by the Director with the individual. In fact, one of his great opportunities, Mr. Stowe feels to be that of counselling. He is young enough to be one of these young people, yet, at the same time, as an ordained minister his advice carries weight. His primary aim is to keep the Center alive and functioning that it may be ready when the boys who have gone come back.

The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. James H. Price who spoke of the needs and services of the Pacific School of Religion. The matter was presented in another connection in the April number of "The Pacific," but your editor would like to stress Mr. Price's suggestion that where individual gifts cannot be made, organizations may make themselves group sponsors. Mr. Price referred to the action of the Broadmoor Sunday School, which had contributed the ten dollars, as a school, for that purpose.

Under the intriguing title, "God's Color Scheme," Rev. James E. Walter of Boston gave an excellent address on the race question, which is so crucial an issue before us today. In the days following our meeting, Mr. Walter has been heard in our various Associations, so that those who missed him at San Mateo have had a second chance.

Besides these various addresses, Rev. Burton M. Palmer gave a beautiful and helpful devotional service which we shall all remember for a long time. Your editor wishes it were possible to include here the "Legend of the Holy Shadow," with which he closed. We also heard from two of our Secretaries. Mrs. R. A. Fuller brought us up to date on our Thank Offering, and Mrs. Philip Greisinger gave her Annual Report on the Reading List. In case you have forgotten, this was not because Mrs. Greisinger was forgotten at our Annual Meeting in January, but because, in order to fit our reading program with the national one, your Board voted that the year for the Reading Lists should run from April to April, rather than from January to January.

Mrs. Greisinger's report was largely statistical, but none the less interesting. Berkeley First reported the largest number of books read, though not the largest in proportion to the size of the society. Here, as last year, your editor is hesitant about giving actual numbers, since the larger societies naturally have an advantage in that regard. Considered proportionately, then, here seems to be where the honors lie: Tulare leads, with more than three times as many books read as there are members in the society; Lodi follows, with the books read two and two-thirds the number in the society; Paradise and Stockton tie for third place, with the proportion of books two and a half; and Antioch, Benicia, Martinez and Berkeley First tie for fourth place, with a fraction over one book for every member of the society. That, perhaps, is far enough to carry the list. Mrs. Greisinger especially commended the format of the report from Berkeley First as the best and most painstaking of all. The report from Mrs. Arthur Rice of Tulare, from which Mrs. Greisinger read excerpts, contained so much of interest and help that it was easy to see why Tulare had first honors. Summarizing her experiences, Mrs. Rice said that the books most largely read were those owned by people in the group and passed around: that is to say, the people read if they could get the books. In this connection, Mrs. Rice said she made a point of finding which of the books on the list were in the Tulare Public Library; she kept a record of all who owned and would lend any of the books; she kept a list of any of the books the women wanted to read, but could not obtain in either of these ways, and sent to the Chicago or Boston Council libraries for these. (The addresses were given on both the front and the back pages of "Adventures in Reading," our reading list. Your editor would interpolate here that we may usually get the same service from the State Library at Sacramento.) Mrs. Rice further said that the women read the books they heard talked about. One woman said to her: "I made the honor roll because you told why you liked a book and then I wanted to read it." Mrs. Rice emphasized that she did not give book reviews; instead, she read brief extracts or told something of especial interest "to whet the appetite." Then those who wanted to read the book signed for it and she saw that they got it. Lastly the group got together at a tea and discussed the books they had read, among themselves. And so Tulare was first!

SEBASTOPOL. One hundred more people attended Easter services this year than a year ago, reaching a total of 327. Six children were baptized. The father of one child, the mother of another, and the grandfather of one at the close of the service asked to be baptized, and the Sunday following the grandfather and his wife united with the church. Thirteen others also came into fellowship. James P. Senter is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The "Brotherhood Forum" on Sunday evenings is presenting a series of outstanding speakers, recent among them being Arnold S. Nash, E. Guy Talbott, Martin Hall, G. Carl Weller, Grace Bush, and Rev. William Cecil Northcott. On Easter Sunday Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, baptized four children and two adults. Nine persons were received into fellowship.

SUNNYVALE. Church worship was held on the evening of Palm Sunday to accommodate two families who united with the church. The building was filled on Easter, when nine more came into fellowship. The interior of the building will soon be redecorated. According to Rev. J. K. Ballou, the pastor, more than 200 children are enrolled in the weekday released time classes.

SANTA CRUZ. Church, gallery, Sunday School room, ladies' parlor, and pastor's study were crowded on Easter. Some people were standing and others turned away. Nine children were baptized. There were 500 communicants at the Maundy Thursday candlelight service. About 1,000 people were present at the public church service of the State Rainbow Assembly. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. Beautiful new windows have been installed in the church auditorium, and additional Sunday School class rooms arranged. Finances of the church are in excellent condition, and giving to Congregational benevolences has reached the highest point in many years. Rev. Willard W. Turner is pastor.

RIPON. On Easter Sunday at a service with record attendance, 8 children were baptized, also one youth and one adult. Seven members were received into the church. Sunrise service was conducted by the Highroadian Club. Rev. A. C. Hacke and the church were hosts to the Central Association.

SOQUEL. Weekday released time classes now have 44 enrolled. Rev. T. Davis Preston, with two teachers, offers the instruction. Parent-Teacher training class has been organized to run for two months. On Friday evenings the young people come together for choir rehearsal, discussion, and recreation, with an attendance of nearly 50. The church school has grown.

NILES. Thirty-two new members have come into church fellowship, and in response to a special offering envelope enclosed with the Easter letter of the pastor, Rev. D. Q. Grabill, $375 was brought into the treasury. About 30 men attend a monthly fellowship dinner. All available chairs were needed to accommodate the Easter congregation.

SAN MATEO. Fifty-five members have been received into the fellowship of the church. The Spring Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women enjoyed the hospitality of the minister and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham, and their people on April 20. On May 7 the 80th anniversary of the church was observed.

PETALUMA. The Easter season brought in 15 new members, but 37 have been placed on the reserve list. The number of givers to the budget of the church has been increased by 50 per cent. Very definite plans are under way for a complete remodeling of the plant. Rev. Edward F. Ouellette is pastor.

ALAMEDA. On April 23 Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Henry Shires, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church. On May 1 he was responsible for the morning devotional broadcast over Station KRE, assisted by Mrs. Ford Samuel of his church.

FRESNO, ZION. On Good Friday afternoon, a union service of the German churches was attended by 1,000 people, and an offering received for War Victims and Services. The Easter congregation was the largest during the pastorate of Rev. John N. Sauer.

COTATI. A cantata, "The Easter Sunrise Song," was given by the junior choir with an adult trio under the direction of Mrs. John Parker. The building was filled to overflowing. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is pastor.

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